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3rd COVID 19 UPDATE

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To our Members of Henvey Inlet First Nation

Chief and Council in consultation with Henvey Inlet Health Centre staff, have been following the global impact that this novel virus is having worldwide with new confirmed cases of COVID 19 every day. I cannot stress the importance of taking this more seriously by everyone. This virus that was previously linked to travel is now considered as being transmitted by Community Spread.

Countries are closing their borders, issuing states of emergencies worldwide, and our fellow First Nation communities are now restricting access to their communities in order to prevent the spread of this virus. Henvey Inlet First Nation and our members must play our part in slowing the spread of this virus.

Today, members of Council unanimously agreed that we must also consider further steps to protect our Members of Henvey Inlet First Nation against the threat of the COVID 19 pandemic. These are some of the items we discussed today.

1. Restricting Access to the community – April 1, 2020

Effective April 1, 2020, HIFN will restrict access to our community by all Non-Members. This decision is necessary to prevent the risk to our Members by Non-Members who may be infected by COVID 19. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated during this period.

These restricted accesses will be secured by individuals on shifts that will ensure that there is no access into our community by Non-Members of HIFN. In addition to preventing those from entering the community, the security team will be responsible to record Members leaving and returning to the community. Members' cooperation upon returning to the community will be expected to provide details of their travels and expected to go right home.

These restricted accesses will be secured solely by equipment between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. during the planned curfew hours that are also being implemented.

These restricted accesses will be immediately opened in the event that an emergency vehicle must pass. An individual from Pickering and Bevanon

will designated to be immediately react and clear a pathway in the event an emergency occurs.

These restricted accesses will remain in effect until further notice

French River I.R. #13 (Pickerel River Rd)

April 1, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. a roadblock will be set up at on by Cabbage Lake and an electronic sign will also be located in advance of the road block; stating, "Closed to Public".

French River I.R. #13 (Simon Lake Rd)

April 1, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. an electronic sign will be placed at a strategic location to prevent access by seasonal cottagers.

Henvey Inlet I.R.#2 (Bekanon Rd)

April 1, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. a roadblock will be set up on Bekanon Rd (just past S&N's driveway) and an electronic sign will also be located in advance of the road block; stating, "Closed to Public"

Henvey Inlet I.R.#2 (Groundhog Rd)

April 1, 2020, a sign will be located at the entrance way, stating, "Closed to Public"

Henvey Inlet I.R.#2 (Milton's Lane)

April 1 2020, a sign will be located at the entrance way, stating, "Closed to Public"

2. Implementing a Curfew

Effective April 1 2020 a curfew to prevent traffic from freely flowing in and out of the community will be implemented.

Be advised that at 9:00 p.m. daily vehicle traffic will not pass to or from our community via any of the roadblocks (other than emergency vehicles). Security teams will be allowed to go home, leaving equipment to block access. By implementing this we will provide our security team the ability to rest. At 7:00 a.m. the curfew will be lifted and the roadblocked once again will be physically "manned".

3. Pickerel River Trailer Park

It's known that people are attempting to enter the Pickerel River Trailer Park although it's closed, this will be stopped immediately via the roadblocks to avoid risk to our Members.

4. Medical Transportation

In order to protect our drivers who are required to drive members with medical appointments, clients will be expected to divulge if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID 19 and have been in contact of a confirmed case. These clients will also be expected to follow the RECOMMENDATIONS for COVID 19, which is to self-isolate and contact their primary health care provider for further instructions. Clients with no respiratory symptoms and who are not in contact of a confirmed case are not considered infectious and can be provided with the necessary transportation. There will be hand sanitizer available in the vehicle being utilized for medical transportation, which will be used by client prior to entering vehicle. The client being transported will be expected to sit in the seat with the furthest distance from the driver to observe a 2-meter distance.

Please also be advised that only those with scheduled medical appointments will be granted access to enter the vehicle providing medical transportation.

5. Cancellation of Future Gatherings

Easter breakfast is cancelled, and although our Pow Wow is a few months away, it too is being considered for cancellation or postponement. With no certainty of the duration of this crisis we're experiencing right now it's difficult to plan. Today however, we did make a decision to cancel our annual Loonie auction that was scheduled for May 2020.

Please also be advised that the scheduled Band Council meeting for April 6, 2020 is also cancelled.

Finally, the community consultation with respect to the proposed Cannabis Land Law scheduled for May 3, 2020 may also be cancelled.

Any large community gatherings are either cancelled or postponed until further notice.

6. Stock Piling Food

An order has been placed with a butcher from Sudbury to provide a quantity of various cuts of meat that will be stockpiled in our new O&M building which will be stored in a number of freezers, available to those in need and delivered to member's homes. Volunteers are identified to help with unloading, separating, distribution/delivery for those members in need. In addition to purchasing butchered meat, other food staples have been ordered through Sysco, a prominent food supplier.

7. Continuing with Community Projects

Discussion with the contractor of the new O&M Building has occurred and assurance received that he has confidence with his construction crew that they pose no risk to the community. He agreed to advise his crew that we want them to come to work and go home directly after.

8. Gas Bar Closed to Public - Notice to be Posted

With the reduced hours recently implemented at the Gas Bar effective today to reduce contact with non- members we agreed to post a notice at the Highway that our Gas Bar is closed to the public.

9. Essential Services

For those who have agreed to continue to work during this time of crisis and may have vacation days left, they will be given the ability to defer them into the new fiscal year. Council members are agreeable to provide essential transportation service for those with medical appointments when required. Financial staff identified to report on work on Tuesdays and Thursday to ensure year end activities, and address directives from Chief and Council are carried out considered to be contributing to continuing essential service will receive special considerations after this is all over.

Please be advised that Dorothy Contin, OW Administrator will not invite clients into the Administration office for appointments relating to applications, but will communicate with clients and complete applications electronically in an effort to abide with social distancing.

10. Masks/Gloves/Hand Sanitizer

An order for procedure masks, gowns, and hand sanitizers has been placed with Health Canada. They will ***NOT BE AVAILABLE*** to individuals who are ***ASYMPTOMATIC due to a procurement burden and could create a false sense of security that can lead to the neglect of other essential preventative measures.*** ***Hand sanitizers/masks/gloves*** will be made available if a community member with respiratory symptoms requires care at home from a family member. For further information on availability please contact Brenda Contin or Debbie Brennan, by calling the Health Centre on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

For your safety and for those of our vulnerable family members young and old **please stay home**, but if you absolutely need to go out, remember to “physically distance” yourself from others, practice good hygiene, wash your hands and return to your home immediately. We believe that this will reduce/slow the spread of this virus that poses risk to all ages.

I will provide further updates; at this moment, we have not implemented a Shut Down of the Community.

Chief Wayne McQuabbie

